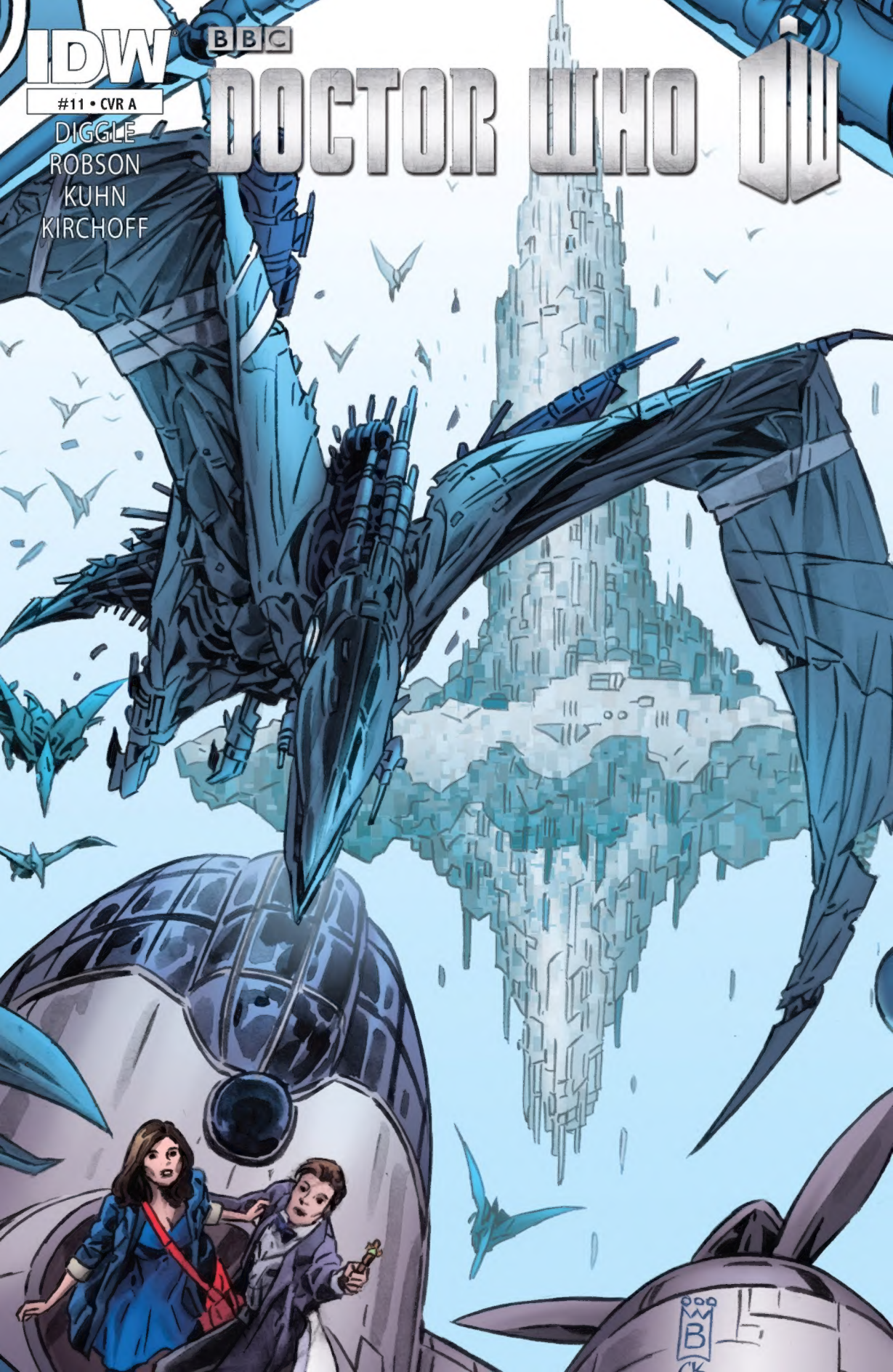
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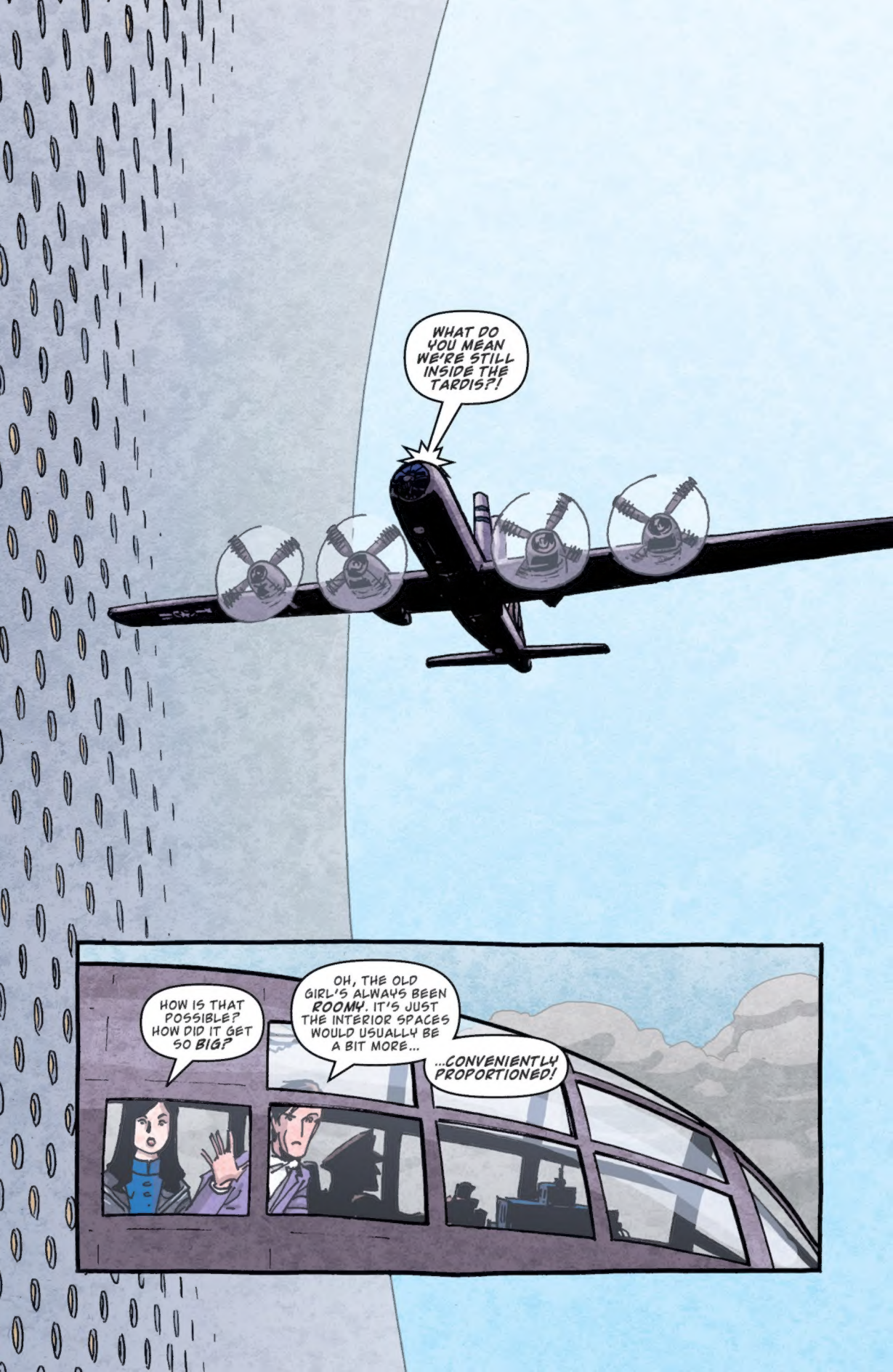
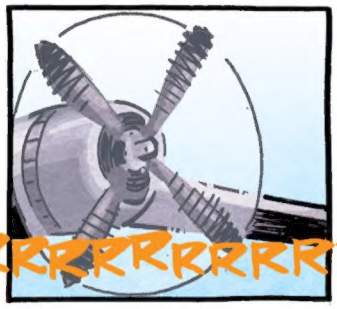

WHAT DO YOU MEAN WE'RE STILL INSIDE THE TARDIS?!
HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE? HOW DID IT GET SO BIG?
OH, THE OLD GIRL'S ALWAYS BEEN ROOMY. IT'S JUST THE INTERIOR SPACES WOULD USUALLY BE A BIT MORE...
...CONVENIENTLY PROPORTIONED!



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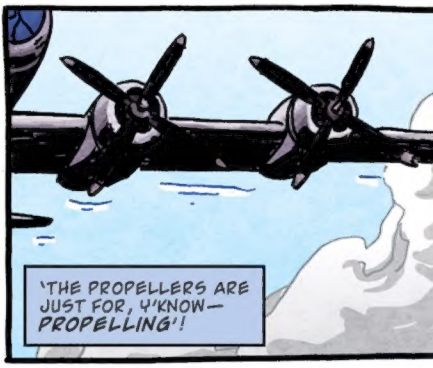
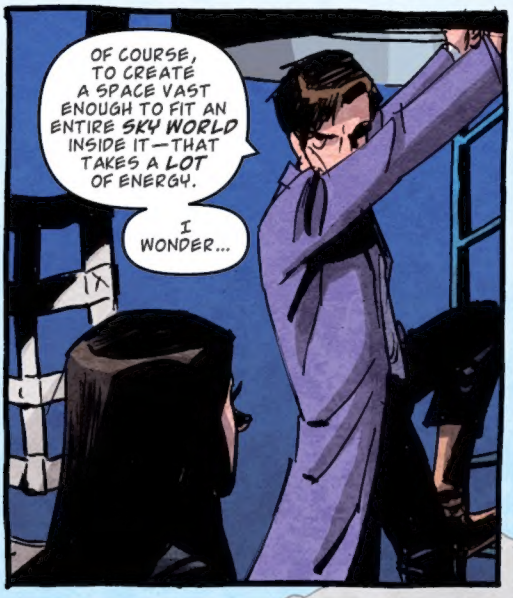
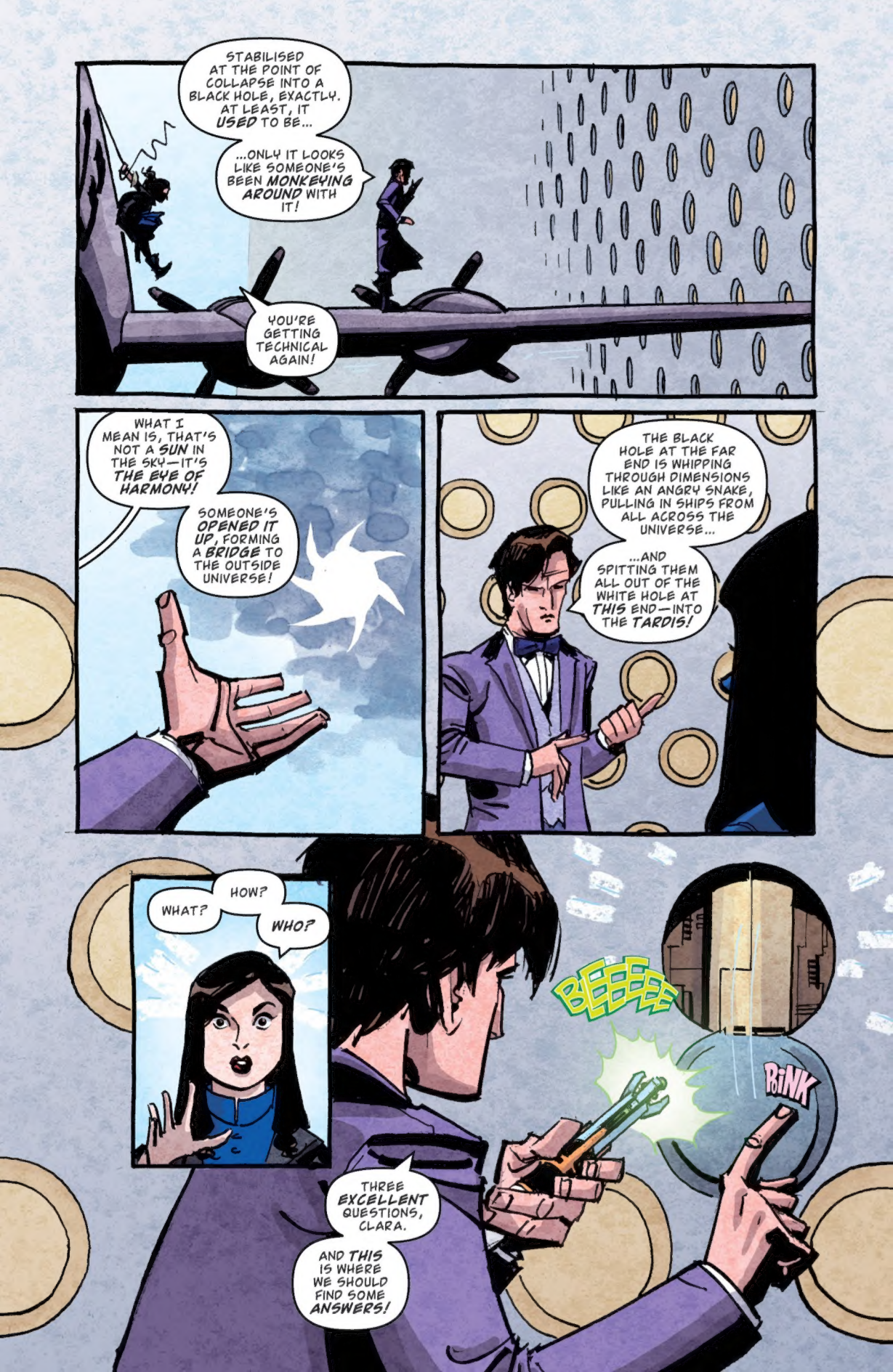




SHE MUST HAVE DIVERTED ALL THE POWER FROM THE EYE OF HARMONY INTO THIS ONE ROOM, INFLATING IT TO MACRO-SCALE.

THE QUESTION IS, WHY?

THE EYE OF HARMONY—THAT'S THE STAR AT THE HEART OF THE TARDIS, YEAH?


STABILISED AT THE POINT OF COLLAPSE INTO A BLACK HOLE, EXACTLY. AT LEAST, IT USED TO BE...
...ONLY IT LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE'S BEEN MONKEYING AROUND WITH IT!
YOU'RE GETTING TECHNICAL AGAIN!
WHAT I MEAN IS, THAT'S NOT A SUN IN THE SKY—IT'S THE EYE OF HARMONY!
SOMEONE'S OPENED IT UP, FORMING A BRIDGE TO THE OUTSIDE UNIVERSE!
THE BLACK HOLE AT THE FAR END IS WHIPPING THROUGH DIMENSIONS LIKE AN ANGRY SNAKE, PULLING IN SHIPS FROM ALL ACROSS THE UNIVERSE...
...AND SPITTING THEM ALL OUT OF THE WHITE HOLE AT THIS END—INTO THE TARDIS!
WHAT?
HOW?
WHO?
BEEEEE
RINK
THREE EXCELLENT QUESTIONS, CLARA.
AND THIS IS WHERE WE SHOULD FIND SOME ANSWERS!

GIVE US THE GOOD NEWS, DOC.
WELL, GOOD AND BAD, REALLY. GOOD NEWS IS I WAS ABLE TO ACCESS THE TARDIS ACTIVITY LOGS AND PINPOINT OUR POSITION.
LOOK, THERE SHE IS!
THERE WHAT IS?
THE TARDIS CONSOLE. WE'RE INSIDE THE OLD CONTROL ROOM!
THE OLD OLD CONTROL ROOM, THAT IS, NOT THE NEW OLD CONTROL ROOM.
THERE'S MORE THAN ONE CONTROL ROOM?
LOADS! WHENEVER THE TARDIS DOES A BIT OF REDECORATING, THE OLD ROOMS ARE STORED IN MEMORY.
WHOEVER TOOK CONTROL OF THE TARDIS, THEY'VE REASSIGNED CONTROL TO THIS CONSOLE...
...WHICH MEANS THAT'S WHERE WE NEED TO GO— THE CENTRE OF THE SKY!

ANYTHING...?
NOPE.
HONESTLY, I'VE BEEN STARING AT EMPTY SKY SO LONG I THINK I'M STARTING TO GO SNOW BLIND—
—SKY BLIND, I GUESS.
YOU THINK THIS CONSOLE THING OF HIS IS EVEN OUT THERE?
HE WAS RIGHT ABOUT THE WALL, WASN'T HE?
I GUESS. IT ALL SOUNDS SO CRAZY THAT I CAN'T EVEN MAKE A JUDGMENT CALL. I'M USED TO FOLLOWIN' ORDERS, BUT THIS WHOLE THING...
...IT'S LIKE I'M FLYIN' BLIND HERE, BUT THAT'S ALL I GOT LEFT, Y'KNOW?
IT'S A LEAP OF FAITH.

THE DOCTOR KNOWS WHAT HE'S DOING. HE'LL FIGURE IT OUT. AND GET YOU HOME.
THIS GUY. HE LEFT YOU ALL ALONE IN THAT BLUE BOX OF HIS. NEXT THING YOU KNOW, YOU'RE ALMOST FALLING TO YOUR DEATH.
THREE YEARS HE'S OUT HERE, AND HE NEVER ONCE COMES LOOKING FOR YOU.
SO LET ME ASK YOU SOMETHING...

...PUSH COMES TO SHOVE...
...DO YOU TRUST HIM?

...
...MOSTLY?

ALL RIGHT, OLD GIRL. TELL ME WHAT I NEED TO KNOW...
CRIKEY! THAT DOESN'T LOOK RIGHT. WHATEVER'S GOTTEN INTO YOU...?
WITH NO BOILER TO STOKE, I'M FEELIN' KINDA SURPLUS TO REQUIREMENTS AROUND HERE. ANYTHING USEFUL I CAN—?
—HOLY COW, WHAT IS THAT?
HOLOGRAPHIC MEMORY. TARDIS ACTIVITY LOGS. THERE'S... RATHER A LOT OF IT.
AND YOU CAN ACTUALLY READ THIS JUNK?
YOU'D BE ABLE TO READ GALLIFREYAN, TOO, IF SOMEONE HADN'T BEEN MESSING AROUND WITH THE TELEPATHIC CIRCUITS...
WHOEVER IT IS, THEY'RE CLEARLY FAMILIAR WITH TARDIS SYSTEMS—NOT TO MENTION BEING A DAB HAND WITH A STELLAR MANIPULATOR.
LOOK AT THIS! A SECTION OF THE DATA BANK'S BEEN PARTITIONED OFF SINCE THE TIME WAR!
THE PERFECT PLACE TO HIDE...
I SURE HOPE YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKIN' ABOUT, DOC, 'CAUSE WHAT YOU JUST SAID DON'T MAKE A LICK OF SENSE—
HUMP!
OH, THAT DOESN'T SOUND GOOD.

WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT, GARFIELD? SOMETHIN' JUST HIT US, BUT I DON'T SEE SQUAT!
BEATS ME, CAP! I GOT NO BOGIES OR BANDITS IN SIGHT!
UNLESS...?
OH BOY!
MULTIPLE BANDITS! DOZENS OF 'EM!
THEY'RE BENEATH US!

THEY SNUCK UP ON OUR BLIND SPOT!
THEY'RE GETTIN' SMARTER!
HANG ON! I'M TAKIN' THE FIGHT TO THEM!
OOF!
SHRRRRAAANNGGG
SKRAAAWW
ONE DOWN! BUT THERE'S TOO MANY!
PTOOH

SHRREKK
KKRANNGG
WHOOAAAH!
BACK!
SKKWAAAKKW

FRZZKKK

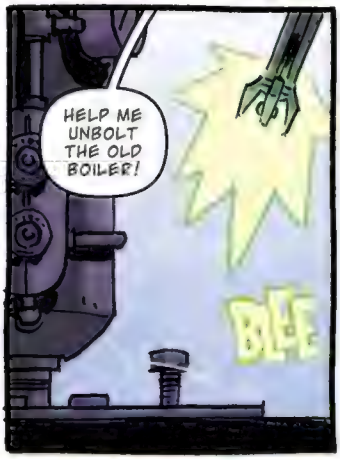
NO! THE REACTOR—!
YOU CRAZY? IT'LL TAKE YOUR HEAD OFF!

SKAAAAAK
BIG MONNA

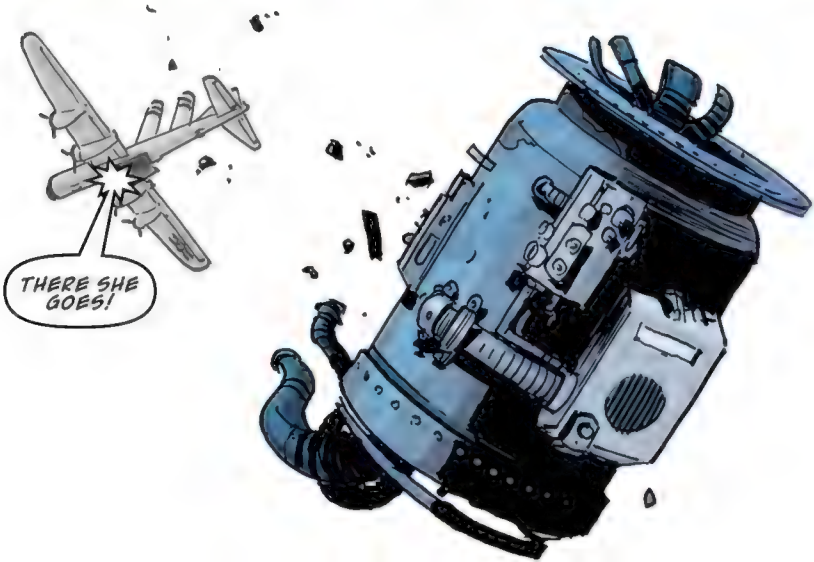
SPUTTER...
SPUTTER...
SPUT-
SPUT-
SPUT-
WE JUST LOST ALL FOUR ENGINES! WE'RE DEAD IN THE AIR!
I NEED POWER— RIGHT NOW!
RIGHT, YES. ABOUT THAT. SLIGHT PROBLEM...
...WE SORT OF LOST THE REACTOR!
AW, CRAP.
WE CAN FIRE UP THE OLD BOILER!
THERE'S NO TIME! IT'LL TAKE AN HOUR JUST TO BUILD UP STEAM HEAT!
ONLY ONE CHANCE, CAPTAIN— YOU'LL HAVE TO GLIDE US IN!
GLIDE IN TO WHAT? THERE'S NOTHIN' OUT HERE!

OH, IT'S OUT THERE, CAPTAIN. TRUST ME.
JUST KEEP YOUR CURRENT HEADING AND RAISE FLAPS. YOU'LL HAVE TO BALANCE OUT OUR LIFT-TO-DRAG RATIO—
DON'T TELL ME HOW TO FLY A PLANE!
IF WE'RE GONNA DO THIS, WE GOTTA DITCH SOME WEIGHT! HOP TO IT!

RIGHT! YES!
WHAT'S HAPPENING?
WE HAVE TO LIGHTEN THE PLANE! QUICK!


HELP ME UNBOLT THE OLD BOILER!
BLEE

THAT'S IT! KEEP PUSHING!
OOF! IT WEIGHS A TON!
THAT'S THE POINT!
JUST GET IT TO THE BOMB BAY! WATCH YOUR STEP!


THERE SHE GOES!

THERE—UP AHEAD!
WE'RE STILL DROPPIN' TOO FAST! WE'RE NOT GONNA MAKE IT!
DON'T BE A KILLJOY! OF COURSE WE'RE GOING TO MAKE IT!
NO, WE'RE NOT!
YOU'RE RIGHT.
WE'RE NOT GOING TO MAKE IT.
EVERYONE HANG ON TO SOMETHING!

GAAH!
RRREEEEE
LOST THE LANDING GEAR...
LOST HYDRAULICS...
CAN'T SLOW DOWN! WE'RE GONNA DROP STRAIGHT OFF THE FAR SIDE!

NOT IF I CAN HELP IT!
PROOK!
TWANGG
OOF!

WELL, WHADDAYA KNOW...

...WE MADE IT.
YAY.
READY TO GO HOME NOW.
THE WHOLE PLACE IS MADE OUT OF JUNK...
WRECKED STARSHIPS, PLUCKED FROM SPACE AND SUCKED THOUGH THE EYE OF HARMONY.
KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED, EVERYONE...
...THEY KNOW WE'RE HERE.

WHO'S 'THEY'? YOU MEAN THE RAPTORS?
NO, CLARA. I MEAN THE ONE WHO BUILT THEM...
...THE HYPOTHETICAL GENTLEMAN.
HE'S BEEN HIDING ALL ALONG INSIDE THE TARDIS VIRTUAL DATABASE— THE MATRIX.
IT WAS LINKED TO EVERY TIME LORD, EVERY TARDIS. NOW, MINE IS THE ONLY ONE LEFT...
'ALL THIS TIME, HE'S BEEN TRYING TO GET OUT. TRYING TO BECOME REAL.
'HE HIJACKED THE TELEPATHIC CIRCUITS TO BUILD HIMSELF A QUANTUM RESONATOR, IN A BID TO ESCAPE INTO THE REAL WORLD...*
*SEE DOCTOR WHO VOL. 1: THE HYPOTHETICAL GENTLEMAN
'WHEN THAT DIDN'T WORK, HE TRICKED ME INTO THINKING I'D LEFT THE TARDIS...
'...BY RECONFIGURING AN INTERIOR ROOM WITH A FAKE POLICE BOX SHELL'!
POLICE BOX

'WITH ME OUT OF THE WAY, HE OPENED UP THE EYE OF HARMONY, HOPING TO USE IT AS A BRIDGE TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD...
'FROM THE VIRTUAL TO THE REAL...
'....BUT EVEN AS SHE LOST CONTROL OF HER OWN SYSTEMS, THE TARDIS FOUGHT BACK! SHE TRAPPED YOU IN A CLOSED LOOP TO PROTECT YOU, CLARA...
'...WHILE SHE CONVERTED EVERY LAST IOTA OF ENERGY FROM THE EYE OF HARMONY INTO THIS ROOM—INFLATING ITS SIZE EXPONENTIALLY'!
DO NOT PRESS THIS BUTTON
IT'S ALL ABOUT POWER, YOU SEE. THE EYE OF HARMONY IS FLOWING THE WRONG WAY!
TO ESCAPE THROUGH IT, HE'LL NEED TO SWIM UPSTREAM AGAINST THE CURRENT...
...AND THAT WOULD TAKE A HUGE AMOUNT OF ENERGY. ENERGY THE TARDIS DENIED HIM!
CLEVER GIRL...

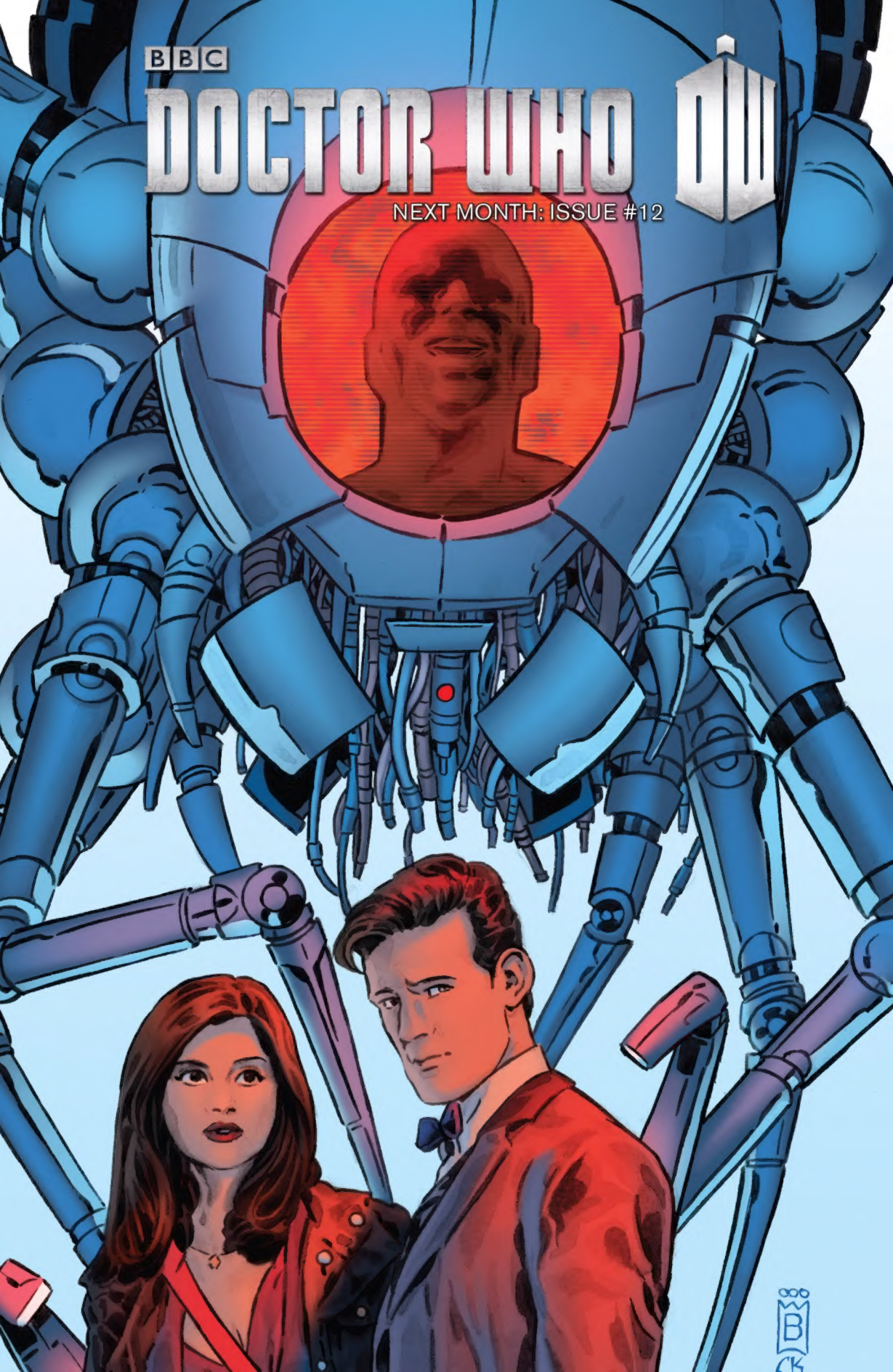
FORTUNATELY, THAT WILL NO LONGER BE A CONCERN...
...THANKS TO YOU, DOCTOR!
OH, AND NOW WE GET TO IT! THE HYPOTHETICAL GENTLEMAN HIMSELF!
COME ON THEN—SHOW YOURSELF! UNLESS YOU'RE AFRAID...?

UH, DOC? WE'RE KIND OF OUTNUMBERED HERE. NOT SURE YOU WANNA RILE THIS GUY—WHOEVER HE IS...
IT'S TRUE, ISN'T IT? YOU'RE AFRAID OF ME—BECAUSE I'VE BEATEN YOU BEFORE, HAVEN'T I?
I MUST HAVE!

WHO ARE YOU?!
OMEGA? RASSILON? THE VALEYARD? THE MASTER?
WHOEVER YOU THINK YOU ARE, YOU'RE JUST A COPY! A GHOST, AN ECHO, A VIRTUAL MEMORY...
...LOCKED INSIDE THE MATRIX!

INSIDE THE MATRIX?
NO, DOCTOR...

...I AM THE MATRIX!
TO BE CONCLUDED!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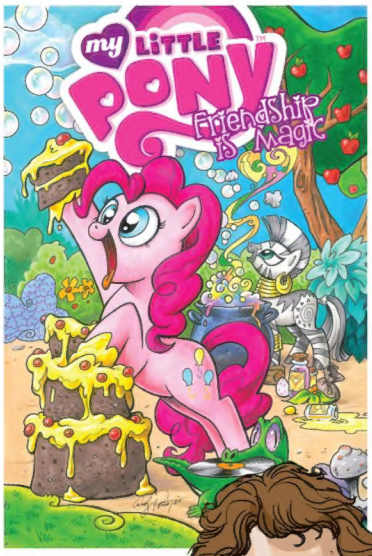

When I was a kid, I learned to read the best way you can, with comic books! And look at me now! I make a living… selling comic books. Okay, maybe not the best example.

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Teach your children well! With comics!

-Dirk

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THE ROCKETEER/THE SPIRIT #1

"When I was kid, summer reading meant big event comic books like annuals and crossovers (*Earth 2*, anyone?). So, my big wish for this summer, I wanted to see a mash-up between two of my all-time favorite characters and thanks to the stellar IDW editorial team and our good friends at DC, wish granted! *Will Eisner's The Spirit* and *Dave Stevens' The Rocketeer* are joining forces in The *Rocketeer/The Spirit: Pulp Friction*! Wait until you see what **Mark Waid** and **Paul Smith** have in store for this one, it's going to be the sneak hit of the year."

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